



RECON-On Migration by A Bhaskar Rao AKA Mustard Lake

'EXISTENCE, EXTINCTION AND THE HOSTILITY OF MOVEMENT'

*What is with a bird,
And a never resting mind?*

*Always the same place
Never the same flight*

CONCEPT NOTE:

Mirs are a nomadic tribe in India. A tribe which is religiously fluid and one amongst the many which happens to bear the brunt of ignorance and negligence at the policy level. Also, one of the tribes with a documented lineage in their own words and understanding of the world which encompasses everything from a call for prayer, singing and dancing, to conveying emotions. A wisdom which the broader social system fails to understand and subsequently keeps the bearers of it, at the fringe and in a vague movement of survival.

Migratory birds of Nal Sarovar Bird Sanctuary. Long flights to evade the numbing winters, towards the warm and shallow southern waters. Dawn to dusk in chorusing and every call in between; encrypting existence in birdsongs and carrying a bit of wherever they have been to. Confronting the larger forces around, beyond the intention of survival by changing waters and grounds to what feels home. Nomadism, of a different kind.

An inevitable parallel exist between the above mentioned beings; the need or rather the necessity of an incessant movement.

Movement to sustain life and existence

Movement to resist extinction

Movement to fight the hostility of movement itself

COMPOSITION:

A dissonant listening experience with field recordings and synth lines from spaces and places differentiated geographically but brought together under a context, by means of composition

Field recordings done at: Town of Deesa, Thol and Nal Sarovar bird sanctuaries in Gujarat, India
Voice for poetry: Aishwarya Bindana

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